After JUNE 1, 1943, this case will be combined with "MR 300 AFRICA, MEDITERRANEAN, W.T. EAST."
SECURITY CONTROL

Operations Division, WDGS
Combined Subjects Section
WDGPD, OPD 400 Sec (5-31-43)
DCF Jr

May 31, 1943

COMMANDING GENERAL
NATO, FREEDOM

Number 9262

Recent Combined Chiefs of Staff decision as follows for your information (from Marshall to Eisen-
bower) "Agreed that rearming and reequipping of French Forces North Africa should proceed as rapidly as avail-
ability of shipping and equipment will allow but as secondary commitment to requirements of US and British
in various theaters."

ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: General Strong
               General Arnold
               CCS
               Admiral King
               Log


CM-OUT-13251 (31 May 43) 23542 ems

SECRET

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

COPY No.

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/1944
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War 6240
      British War Office No. #

May 31, 1943

Two hundred ninetaeen. (SITREP) 30 May. (USFOR rptd AWAK Troopers Mideast 5th Army 1st Army Malta Adv
NWAfF from Freedom 6240 31 May signed Eisenhower. Cite

Para 1. Naval Nil.

Para 2. Movements commenced. 29 May 2nd Army
Group RA left Souk Ahras with destination Oued Seguin.
Movements completed. 1st Army Group RA arrived at Oued
Seguin.

Para 3. L of C. Nil: Part 3 follows.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
      CG AAF
      GENERAL DEAN (CCS)
      ADM. KING

CH-IN-20128 (31 May 43) 100% NC
THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER

INCOMING MESSAGE

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR 5922
USFOR Unnumbered
And other addresses concerned

May 30, 1943


Cite FRCT.

Para 2. (Action USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers Mid East 5th Army 1st Army Malta Adv NWAFF from Freedom 5022 29th Mil. SITREP 21A) Movements commenced 1st Army Group RA departed Souk Ahras with destination Oued Seguin. L 75. Movements completed. 78 Inf Div arrived at Guelma.

Para 3. L of C. Bone was raided by enemy aircraft night of 28/29 May. A few casualties resulted. Details are not available. Part 3 follows.

No Sig

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King
LOG

CM-IN-19444 (30 May 43) 1535Z cc COPY No. 51

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER

INCOMING MESSAGE

CCWD
May 29, 1943
533Z

URGENT
DECLASSIFIED

JCS memo: 1-2-43
By EHP, MIA Date: FEB 19 1974

From: Algiers
To: London USFOR Unnumbered
       WAR W 1577/5587
       British War Office Unnumbered
       Cairo
       All other addressees concerned

May 29, 1943

Two hundred and seventeen. Twenty eighth May. (To USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers Middle 5th Army 1st Army Malta Div NWAAF from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FRGCT W 1577/5587 29 May. SITREP).

1. Rear link 2nd Corps closed at Mateur. Remaining units 2nd Corps in Tunisia passed to command 34th Inf Div.

2. Naval. On 25th May HMS Vetch attacked U Boat off Tunisia. W 17. Believed successful. HMS operated off Pantelleria and Naretimo during night 27/28 May during recent patrols our submarines sank a tanker of Monte Carlo, a 4000 ton motor vessel off Messina, a trawler at entrance Augusta harbor and damaged 4000 ton motor vessel off Catania.


L of C. Seven enemy aircraft raided Sousse morning 28 May. Eight bombs fell on the dock area causing superficial damage to port. Casualties included 4 military killed and 5 injured. Parts 1 and 2 SITREP 216 were not issued.

No Sig

Action: OPD

Information: G-2 Sec. Deane (CC/S) Mr. King, LOG

Confidential

An exchange of this message is forbidden.

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
From: Algiers
To: British Army Staff.

WAR

No. W 1562/5479 May 28, 1943


1. Ground. The reorganization and movements of our forces continued.

2. Naval. Night 23/24 May, Mths carried out patrols off Pantelleria without incident. Following day USF Fields attacked U boat off Oran and wreckage and oil patch were seen. US aircraft observed debris and corpe after dark on second U boat 300 miles west of Casablanca. One of our submarines on 13 May sank 2 schooners of 200 tons each off east coast of Corsica and on 20 May bombarded Calvi airfield.

3. Air. Throughout the period heavy medium and fighter bombers maintained a powerful scale of attack against targets in Sicily, Sardinia and Pantelleria. Heaviest attack made by 4 formations of B 17's Fortresses totalling 106 aircraft which dropped 261 tons of bombs on Messina on 25 May. Bombs were seen to burst on the dock areas, railway marshalling yards, power stations and on the

(CM-IN-19073 29 May 43)

DECLASSIFIED

E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 1/4/74
WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER

INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Algiers
To: British Army Staff - WAR
No W 1562/5479 May 28, 1943

Naval Base, where a large explosion was observed. In
other raids by B 17's La Maddalena in Sardinia was
attacked where in addition to damage to the Naval Base,
near misses were obtained on 2 merchant vessels. On
26 May a formation of 45 B 17's attacked the airfield of
Comiso in Sicily where the target area was well covered
despite a 60 MPH wind which made accurate bombing difficult.
Among successful raids by lighter bombers 25 P 38's
Lightnings on 26 May scored direct hits on both upper and
lower dams on the river Tirso in Sardinia. The power
stations were also damaged. Continuous attack was main-
tained on Pantelleria, which was raided by 23 Wellingsons
on 24 May, by P 40 Warhawks.

(End of part 1. Part 2 follows.)

Same day and again by 22 P-40's and other fighter
bombers on 26 May. (Second and last part of message from
Freedom reference number W1562/5479 dated 28 May) Among
similar targets attacked Olbia was raided by 36 B-25's
Mitchells on 24 May and again same night by 18 Wellingsons
which dropped 28 tons of bombs. In this latter raid 1
ship exploded and 2 others were left burning. Aircraft
of the Coastal Air Force attacked a U Boat with depth
charges on 24th May and a 2nd fully surfaced during night
24/25 May. In neither case were results observed.

4. Political. General Catroux is expected to
return Algiers tomorrow. General De Gaulle's arrival
in Algiers is scheduled for Sunday next.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF

DECLASSIFIED
400 MAGIC, 1-4-74
By NARA, Date 1976

M.L.S. JOURNAL NO. 15 MAY301943

CM-IN-19073 (29 May 43) 23072

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 7/13/84
SITUATION REPORT NUMBER 100

1. Mines sighted in the Lake of Bizerta as reported in My 242351 were swept on 24th May and on examination were found to have been laid without Primers Detonators or Horns. 13 mines were swept in this condition.

2. H.M.S. VETCH carried out promising attack on U-Boat contact in position 36° 31' North 00° 40' East at 1332Z/25. Periscope was also sighted and shallow pattern dropped around it. Contact was not regained during subsequent search by four ships.

3. During night 27th/28th May M.T.B's from Malta patrolled in vicinity of Pantelleria and M.T.B's and M.G.B's from Bizerta carried out sweep off Marittimo, Coastal craft operations from previous two nights had to be cancelled on account of weather.

4. In addition to the successes reported in My 231740 Para. 8 H.M.S. SICKLE fired four torpedoes at Tanker off Monaco at 1115/15. SICKLE reports that one torpedo hit the tanker which sank and another hit the Casino at Monte Carlo.

5. UNRULY reports obtaining one hit on 4000 ton merchant vessel at 1032/16th in position 37° 35' North 15° 17' East.

6. UNBROKEN reports sinking 600 ton Tug at 1547/16 in position 38° 45' North 16° 00' East and 4,000 ton merchant vessel in position 38° 24' North 15° 44' East at 1744/21.

7. ULTOR reports that 500 ton Trawler at buoy in entrance to Augusta Harbour blew up when hit by torpedo at 0821/23.

8. Hudson aircraft of 608 Squadron R.A.F. sank U-Boat which had been attacked with H.F. Rockets at 1332/26 in position 39° 59' North 01° 41' East.
Urgent

From: Algiers
To: War

Number W 1487/5094 May 27, 1943


No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CGAAF
Gen Deane (CC/S)
Adm King
CM-IN-17602 (27 May 43) 2128Z jb

DECLASSIFIED
JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHF, NLR, Date FEB 19 1974

COPY No. 51

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
From: Algiers  
To: British War Office London Unnumbered  
USFOR London Unnumbered  
British Army Staff Washington Unnumbered  
War No. 4557/W1343  
All other interested addresses

May 26, 1943.


Para 1. Ground. Evacuation of prisoners and enemy material and the reorganization and regrouping of our forces have continued.

Para 2. Enemy. NTR.

Para 3. Naval. The 1st westbound convoy passed through the Sicilian narrows without incident. HMS Fantome minesweeper was mined off Cap Bon and towed to Bizerta with stern blown off. On 20 May HMS Ickle probable sunk a U boat in vicinity 40 miles SW of Marseilles and following day sank a 2nd in the same area. 21 May HMS Laffey sank a 400 ton auxiliary in the Sicilian Channel.

Para 4. Air. On night 19/20 May Wellingtons bombed enemy airfields in Sardinia. Medium bombers
continued attack in daylight, when 30 B-17s (Fortresses) also bombed Grosseto on Italian mainland. Fires were started at all targets and direct hits were scored on buildings and grounded aircraft. Fighter bombers attacked docks at Pantelleria and communications and Milis airfield in Sardinia. In these operations 15 enemy fighters and 7 transport aircraft were destroyed.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G 2
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CCS)
ADM KING

DECLASSIFIED
JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date

CM-IN-16890 (26 May 43) 2154Z mcs

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
From: Algiers  
To: War - E25/5  
British War Office - No nr.

May 26, 1943

(AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 18th Army Group Hq  
AFHQ Mideast from NWAADF Adv Hq AV 10 E 25/5) May 24  
Part 3 - 212. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FEBT. NWA  
Strategic AF. Night 23/24 May. Wellingtons at-  
tacked Pantelleria town and airdrome with total of  
44 tons of bombs between 1945 and 2020 hours. Re-  
sults unobserved. Day 24. P-38 Lightnings attacked  
Pantelleria airdrome with frag clusters from 10,000  
feet. Covering airdrome. Mist prevented observation  
of results. P-40 Warhawks attacked shipping in Car-  
loforte Harbour. 1 M/V fired 3 near misses on 1 large  
M/V 4 small boats sunk. P-38 Lightnings attacked  
Alghero. Four bombs hit factory buildings and 4  
others fell near railroad station. Porte Conte Sea-  
plane Base was then strafed 4 SM 79 and a small boat-  
house set on fire. P-38 Lightnings bombed railroad  
bridge at Arbatox with 500 lb bombs from 2,000 feet  
scoing 1 hit 1 tug 10 miles south east of Cap Carboneri  
was strafed and set on fire. P-38 Lightnings carry-  
ing 500 lb bombs attacked zinc works magnesium plant  
barracks area at Inglesi. Hits in target area caus-  
ing explosions in barracks and fire and smoke at trans-  
former station. Eight aircraft along the coast were  
strafed and a coal barge was set on fire. B-17 Fort-  
tresses attacked La Maddalina. Hits and near misses  
were made on 2 M/V in harbour and near misses on 3  
ships east of St. Stefani Island. Buildings north-  
west of Naval Base set on fire. B-17 Fortresses bomb-  
ed Tessanoka Harbour. One M/V exploded a 2nd set on  
fire a 3rd hit and near misses on a 4th. (Part 2 comes).

No Sig

ACTION: OPR
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, General Deane (CC/5)  
Admiral King
CM -IN-16718 (26 May 43) 1644Z mod

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

3/10 Ford

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR No. 4694/W1380
British War Office No #

May 26, 1943

Regiments are released as being represented
Tunisian campaign (AGWAR Troopers from Freedom
4694 W1380 26th nil following) for IP 3 from
McClure signed Eisenhower cite FHINC. They will
not be published in list form nor associated with
Brigades or Divisions. Leicesters, 165 Lancers,
Forresters, 1721 Lancers, Kings own Shropshire
Light Infantry, Queens Bays, 9 Lancers, Lothians,
10 Hussars, Essex, Staffs Yeomanry.

No Sig

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
GENERAL DEANE (CCS)

DECLASSIFIED
JCS memo, 1-6-74
By RHF, NLR, Date FEB 19 1974

CM-IN-16962 (27 May 43) 0004Z mic
COPY NO. 48

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
AILMAILGRAM

IT IS ESPECIALLY RECOMMENDED AND STRONGLY URGED THAT AMERICAN WARSHIPS CALL AT DAKAR FROM TIME TO TIME FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SHOWING THE AMERICAN FLAG HERE. IT HAS BEEN REMARKED THAT ALTHOUGH MANY BRITISH VESSELS ARE HERE FOR FUELLING AND OVERHAUL NO AMERICAN VESSELS HAVE BEEN SEEN SINCE THE CALL OF DESTROYER SQUADRON 17 ON FEBRUARY 19TH. IT IS FELT THAT EVEN IF VESSELS HAVE TO BE DIVERTED IT WILL BENEFIT OUR PRESTIGE AT DAKAR TO SEE AN OCCASIONAL AMERICAN MAN O' WAR.

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/1974
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: USFOR London
   War
   British War Office
   Oudjda
   Cairo
   1st Army Advance at Constantine
   Malta
   12th Air Force Algiers

May 26, 1943

214, 25th May. ((Action USFOR rptd AGWAR,
Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 1st Army, Malta,
Adv NWAAF from G-3 (Ops D) AFHQ W1396/4728 26th
Nil (SITREP))

1. Nil.


Div arrived Mostaganem from Mateur. One RWK of 4
Division arrived Constantine from Kelibia.

Para 3. L of C. Bone was raided twice
during night 24-25 May. Seventeen bombs dropped
caused damage and 3 Military wounded and several
civilians killed and wounded. Djidjelli raided by
3 aircraft early morning. Four bombs dropped caused
neither damage nor (Part 3 follows) casualties.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, GEN. DEANE(CCS), ADM. KING, LOG
CM-IN-16861

COPY No. 61

THE MAKING-OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War Office

No. 4336

British War Office

And all other addressees concerned

May 25, 1943

Nothing to report. G-2 report for 24 hours ending 2400 Z 24th May. Part 2 Air. ((AGWAR for WDGBI). Troopers pass USFOR 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12th AF MBS ABS Malta Middle 5th Army pass 1st Arm Corps and 6th Corps from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FBGB 4336 25th nil. Part 1 Land. Late afternoon usual recce performed North-western Mediterranean by 1 aircraft about 100 miles off Cape Tortosa Spain. On patrol Sicilian Channel during night 1 additional. Between 1950 and 2015 Z Bone attacked by 15 enemy bombers of which 1 claimed destroyed, 1 damaged by Beaufighters and 2 destroyed by AA. No damage reported. Again attacked by second wave at low level consisting of 6 enemy bombers between 0145 and 0215 Z of which 1 claimed destroyed by Beaufighters general. Largely over Sardinia enemy activity very low scale. Our medium bombers engaged 6 to 8 ME 109's, MA 200's and RE 2001 over Olbia/Venafiorita airfield afternoon. Concurrently escorting P-38's attacked by 8 to 10 MA 200's and MA 202's later over southern Sardinia few patrols operated. Engaging no allied aircraft
WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER

INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Algiers
To: War

British War Office Unnumbered
And all other addressees concerned

May 25, 1943

Italian patrols operated early afternoon from Sicily between Mersala and Pantellaria. Part 3 Naval nothing to report.

ACTION: G 2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
GENERAL DEANE (CCS)

CM-IN-16188 (25 May 43) 1908Z mjc

DECLASSIFIED
JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RNF, NLR, Date

FEB 19 1974

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
May 25, 1943

Fifth Armored FA Group arrived ((Part 2 of 4312 W1284 from Freedom to Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR dated 24)) Oran from Beja. 21st May. Seven Arm Div left 1st Army area for Tripoli. First Br Inf Div arrived Sousse from Tunis.


No Sig
Priority

From: Algiers
To: British War Office
War-- 4312-W1284
USFOR

May 25, 1943

Eleventh weekly summary.

Para 1. (Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHQCT 4312 W 1284 24th nil). Summary of operations 15 to 22 May. Ground operations have been confined to collection and evacuation of enemy material and prisoners of war. Clearance of the battle field and movement of our troops to concentration areas.


CM-IN-16376 (26 May 43)
Para 3. Movements 17th May. Ninth Inf Div commenced movement from Bizerta to Oran area. 18th and 26th Rct (1 US Inf Div) arrived Oran from Beja. Three Inf Div arrived Jemmapes from Ferryville.

18th May. 4th Indian Div left 1st Army area for Tripoli. 19th May. Hq 18th Army Group arrived Algiers from Le Kef. 16th Rct (1 US Inf Div) (end of cipher part 1 part 2 follows) arrived Oran from Beja.

No Sig

Note: Refer to CM-IN-16366 (26 May 43) OPD

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)

DECLASSIFIED
JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RRF, NLR, Date FEB 19 1974

CM-IN-16376 (26 May 43) 0201Z vc

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: London USFOR

WAR
British War Office
Cairo

All other addressees concerned

May 25, 1943

Two hundred and thirteen. Twenty four May.

Nil.

Part 2.


3. L of C. Djidjelli raided by enemy aircraft night 23/24 May. Water and electricity supply temporarily cut off and (Part 3 follows) telephone lines damaged.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, GENERAL DEANE (CC/S), ADMIRAL KING, LOG

CM-IN-16118 (25 May 43) 17025 med COPY No.

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
U R G E N T

DECLASSIFIED

From: Algiers
To: WAR
W/225
British War Office
Unnumbered

Maison Blanche
" 
Cran
" 
Casablanca
" 
Cairo
" 
All other addressees concerned

May 24, 1943


2. Air. Over Bone at 0650 Z 2 enemy bombers recce reported. Presumably searching for shipping. Few bomber recce out over Sicilian channel afternoon. Reported over Djidjelli after 2200 Z 6 JU 88's which approached in 2 waves of 2 and 4, 1st wave destroyed at 0030 Z by Beaufighter which shot down also one of second wave about 100 miles at sea at 0105 Z. No reports of bombs being dropped. General. On very small scale was enemy fighter activity. During attack by our P 38s few enemy aircraft patrolled southwest of Sardinia but did not engage ours. No other reports of activity.

3. Naval nothing to report.

No Sig

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD, CG AAF
CM-IN-15542 (24 May 1943)
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR
London USF OR Unnumbered

May 24, 1943

Allied and estimated enemy casualties incurred in North African campaign follow. This is NAF 225 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff signed Eisenhower cite FDSN.

1. From 8 November to 15 May: United States personnel killed 2184, wounded 9583, missing captured Interned 8937. British 1st Army killed 4114, wounded 12783, missing 8902. French 19 Corps killed 645, wounded 5915, missing 6381.

2. From 21 March to 14 May: British 8th Army killed 1876, wounded 7954, missing 1192.

3. Enemy forces in Tunisia from 8 November to 13 May killed 30,000, wounded 30,400, prisoners 282,800, includes casualties on Marsh front.

4. Enemy forces in North Africa from 23 October to 13 May killed 38,000, wounded 47,400, prisoners 317,600, includes casualties on El Alamein front.

ACTION: CCS
INFORMATION: OPD
General Arnold
Admiral King
General Strong

DECLASSIFIED
JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date FEB 19 1974

COPY No.

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
From: Algiers  
To: Vichy  

No. W 1213, May 24, 1943.

(1) Ref our 2092 of 17 May. Latest count prisoners since 5th May 224,201. Analysis received - 99,452 Germans, 64,482 Italians, 61,814, unspecified 77,365. No evidence yet available to show proportion military, naval, air, and civilian labour personnel. Rough estimate 124,000 German-100,000 Italian. AGWAR from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite PHQ1.

(2) Reference G 2 casualty estimate of 13 May dispatched by fast air, under prisoners. 5-18th May read 124,000 German-100,000 Italian. Include in figures are unspecified numbers Tunisian, Tri-politan and Italian civilian labour personnel. Totals for whole period 136,600 German 12,000 Italian prisoners, 323,000 Axis personnel expended in Tunisia.

(3) Figures for evacuated wounded arrived at by examination outgoing air and sea transport.

(4) Proportion German and Italian wounded impossible to estimate. Suggest ratio probably same as for killed.

No Sig

* Omission being serviced

CM-IN-15769 (25 May 43)
CORRECTION

From: Algiers
To: War

Number W 1213 May 24, 1943

Insert at omission in 6th line of Part 2:

Totals for whole period 136, 600 German 130, 000
Italian prisoners.

No Sig

Note: Reference not identified in WDCMC

Action: G-2

Information: OPD
CG AAF
G-1

DECLASSIFIED

JCS memo, 1-6-74
By HHP, NLR, Date FEB 19 1974

CM-IN-15769 (25 May 43) 0148Z vc

M. I. S. JOURNAL NO. 34 MAY 25 1943

COPY No.

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

DECLASSIFIED

E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER

INCOMING MESSAGE

May 24, 1943

URGENT

From: Algiers
To: London USFOR Unnumbered
WAR
British War Office Unnumbered
Cairo
All other addressees concerned

May 24, 1943

Two one two. Two three May. (To USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers Mideast 5th Army 1st Army Malta Adv NAAFs from Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHCT 4012 W 1216 24 May. SITREP).

Part 1. Mil.

Naval. First went to east convoy has passed through Sicilian narrow without incident. HMS Fantome minesweeper was mined off Cape Bon 20 May and towed to Bizerte with stern blow off. HMS Sickle probably sunk U Boat 40 miles SW of Marseilles 20 May and sank another same area following day. Two one May HMS Eggesford shot down 1 aircraft off Cape De Garde. Nights 21 22 and 23 May coastal craft from Bizerte and Malta operated off Empedocle and SE Sicily. Two three May HMS Laforet sank northbound 400 ton auxiliary in Sicilian channel.

 Movements commenced. Hq 9 Corps left forward area for Algiers. Hq 10 Corps started move to Tripoli.

Loc. Night 22 23 May 2 enemy aircraft shot down by fighters over Djidjelli. Details of raid later. No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, Gen Deane, Adm King, Log.

DECLASSIFIED
E.O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101

BY RT, NARA, Date 4/13/24
Situation Report Number 99.

(1) U.S.S. NIELEDS attacked U-boats contact at 1818/21 in position 36° 01' N. 00° 34' W wreckage including planking and large oil patch were observed after the attack.

(2) U.S. Aircraft attacked U-boat A.M. 1718/23 in position 34° 30' N. 13° 13' W. One corpse and debris were sighted later in the vicinity.

(3) Mines were sighted in the Lake of Bizerta on 22nd May and clearance sweep of the lake is in progress.

(4) One mine was swept on 22nd May during sweeping operations off Kelibia.

(5) S.S. ALPTRA was damaged by air attack off Cape Saint Vincent at 2045/22. Ship was taken in tow by escorting trawler. Salvage tug has been despatched from Gibraltar.

(6) M.T.B.'s carried out patrol off Pantelleria during night 23rd May/24th May

(7) H.M S. SHAPEAR reports sinking 2 200 ton schooners at 1800/13 one three in position 41° 20° 06° 16' mins east. At 1330/20 bombed Calvi Airfield. 20 rounds fell in target area action broken off when enemy short range defence weapons obtained range.

(8) Main Eighth Army and Main First Army pass to N.L.O.'s.
Priority

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 3506/W1102 May 23, 1943

Impression of German surrender follow. (Troopers AGWAR from Freedom 3506/W1102 TOO nil 22 May) I. From May 6 onwards ammunition shortage with fighting units noticeable. Very few ammunition dumps found. 2. Shortage of mines indicated by many fewer minefields than expected. 3. Most vehicles found in running order with petrol tanks full and some spare tins available. Petrol general. Very short supply and reserves probably exhausted thus preventing formation of a mobile reserve. 4. Physique and health of prisoners appears excellent. Some troops captured short of food but this probably only local through bad distribution. Troops had been living largely on country and requisitioning any food required. 5. Both German and Italian morale good and did not break though both very ready to surrender as soon as ordered. Evident that they had for some time realized their fate. Germans only anxiety was that their country would consider that as soldiers they had done everything they could. Relations between officers and men good and discipline very high. Many regiments kept together by their officers in cages. Atmosphere in cages resembles holiday camp with considerable relief that campaign is over. Attitude of many Germans exemplified by their
From: Algiers  
To: War  
No. 3906/W1102  

May 23, 1943

anxiety to fight to last round and their equally great anxiety to get rid of their ammunition. Troopers for DNI from Strong AGWAR for Strong from Strong from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FRGBI. 6. Germans consider campaign reached inevitable conclusion but consider they have caused successful delay. Germans told Russian campaign will continue successfully this summer. Landing in Europe unlikely to be successful especially after German failure to invade England Wicopee raid. 77equipment very good and first inspection shows no change in standard of manufacture.

NOSIG

*Being serviced.

WDCC

Action: G-2

Information: OPD
CG AAF
LOG

CM-IN-14946 (23 May 43) 2020Z vc

DECLASSIFIED

JCS Memo, 1-4-74
By REP, NLR, Date FEB 19 1974

COPY No.

DECLASSIFIED

E.O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
Operational Priority

From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

No. AMSME 6147 May 23, 1943

British First Inf Div reported arrived Sousse Area May 20th / Seventh Arm Div reported from First Army area to Tripoli May 21st (from Berenstien) 9th Air Force May 22nd reports no report received from 12th, 57th and 79th Groups. No missions by Bomber Command or 340th Bomb Group.

Nosig

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 11656, Sec. 2(D) and 3(D) or (E)
ONI listing, May 4, 1972
By SLR Date: FEB 1974

CM-IN-14738 (23 May 43) 1211Z enw

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA Date: 4/18/44
From: Algiers
To: WAR
No: W 1175/3848 May 23, 1943

22nd May. Part one. Nil. (Action USFOR rptd AGWAR Troopers 5th Army 1st Army Malta Adv
NWAFF Mid East from LWR G 8 AFHQ WVD/JWS signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGCT. W 1175/3848. 23rd nil.
Sitrep) Part two.


Para two. Movements commenced. 1st party
1st US Arm Div left Bizerta area for Rabat. CCA
2nd US Arm Div left Arzew for Jemmapes. Move-
ments completed. 776, 894th and 899th TD Bns arrived
Oran from Ghardimaou. Part three follows.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN DEANE (CC/8)
ADM KING

DECLASSIFIED
JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date FEB 19 1974

CM-IN-15164 (24 May 43) 0355Z flw

COPY No. 62

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
Priority

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 3506/W1102 May 23, 1943

Impression of German surrender follow. (Troopers AGWAR from Freedom 3506/W1102 TOO nil 22 May) 1. From May 6 onwards ammunition shortage with fighting units noticeable. Very few ammunition dumps found. 2. Shortage of mines indicated by many fewer minefields than expected. 3. Most vehicles found in running order with petrol tanks full and some spare tins available, petrol general. Very short supply and reserves probably exhausted thus preventing formation of a mobile reserve. 4. Physique and health of prisoners appears excellent. Some troops captured short of food but this probably only local through bad distribution. Troops had been living largely on country and requisitioning any food required. 5. Both German and Italian morale good and did not break though both very ready to surrender as soon as ordered. Evident that they had for some time realized their fate. Germans only anxiety was that their country would consider that as soldiers they had done everything they could. Relations between officers and men good and discipline very high. Many regiments kept together by their officers in cages. Atmosphere in cages resembles holiday camp with considerable relief that campaign is over. Attitude of many Germans exemplified by their
anxiety to fight to last round and their equally great anxiety to get rid of their ammunition. Troopers for DMI from Strong AGWAR for Strong from Strong from G 2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FBGSI. 6. Germans consider campaign reached inevitable conclusion but consider they have caused successful delay. Germans told Russian campaign will continue successfully this summer Landing in Europe unlikely to be successful especially after German failure to invade England "Dieppe raid." Equipment very good and first inspection shows no change in standard of manufacture.

**Being serviced.**

WDCC

**Action:** G-2

**Information:** OPD

CG AAF

LOG

DECLASSIFIED

JCS memo, 1-6-74

By HIN, HLR, Date FEB 19 1974

CM-IN-14946 (23 May 43) 2020Z vc
NAVAL MESSAGE

T.O.O. 231740

IN

Addressed: A.I.G. 264
From: C. in C. Mediterranean

SITUATION REPORT NO. 98

(1) Two through Convoys West to East have been passed through the Sicilian Channel without incident. Fleet Minesweepers and Destroyers running TEDS proceeded the Convoy in the vicinity of Cape Bone where clearance operations are still in progress.

(2) H.M.S. FANTOME was mined and stern blown off at 0735/20 whilst sweeping in Cape Bone Area. Ship has been towed to Bizerta. 3 serious casualties.

(3) During Minesweeping operations off Cape Bone 13 mines were swept on 19th May, 16 on 20th May and one on 21st May. Total number of mines swept off Tunisian Coast since 9th May - 122.

(4) H.M.S. EGGLEFORD shot down one enemy aircraft off Cape De Garde at 0057/21. 3 of the crew were recovered.

(5) Coastal Forces operating from Bizerta and Malta carried out patrols off Emperdocle and South East Corner of Sicily during nights 21 May and 22nd May to cover passage of Convoys.

(6) H.M.S. CLACTON intercepted small sailing boat off Cape Bone at 0620/2 and took 8 German prisoners escaping from Sidi Daud.

(7) At 0345/23 LAFOREY whilst on patrol with LOCKOUT in Sicilian Channel sunk Northbound 400 ton Auxiliary in position 37° 24' N 11° 53' E. 8 Italian prisoners were taken.

(8) H.M.S. SICKLE scored one hit on U-Boat which was considered sunk at 2154/20 in position 42° 50' N 06° 00' E. Another U-Boat was sunk in the same vicinity at 1512/21.

First Sea Lord Lt. Col. Cook S.O.(O) Personal
F.M. S.O.
Admiral N.M.C.G.
Air Marshall Captain Pim.
Gen. Macready
Code Room (2)
C.O.S.
 Plans
Brigadier Redman (8)
N.I.
EJW

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War - Also other interested addressees

Number W 1106/3527 May 23, 1943

210. 21st May. Nil. Signed Eisenhower. Cite


Para 2. Movements commenced. Seven (BR) Arm Div from 1st Army area to Tripoli.

Para 3. L of C. Dji Djeili was raided by 12 enemy aircraft night 20/21 May. Slight damage to North Mules, 1 dead 2 injured by AA. Three enemy aircraft destroyed by AA.


No Sig

Action: OPD
Information: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King

CH-IN-14372 (32 May 43) 2001Z vc
From: Algiers
To: War No. W1000/3168
All interested parties

May 21, 1943.

17th to 19th May. Para 1. 1st Army. (To Troopers rpted USFOR Midest Britman Washington Armindia Delhi PAIC landforces Melbourne DECHIEFS Pretoria DECHIEFS Capetown Force Nairobi from Freedom W1000/3168 20 May. Linrep 48. Summary of operations) The evacuation of prisoners and of captured material, together with the regrouping of our forces continued.

Para 2 Naval. Our destroyers have maintained daylight patrols off Cape Bon and operated northwest of Pantellaria during the night. On 17th May landing parties searched Zembra and Zembretta Islands off Cape Bon for suspected wireless transmitters. One of HM submarines reports obtaining 2 probable hits with torpedoes on a merchantman of 11,000 tons escorted by 2 destroyers off east coast of Corsica on 12th May. Signed Eisenhower cite FEGCT. Action Troopers pass to HM Ambassador Madrid for US Ambassador Madrid, Resident Minister Achimota, BRITMILAT Ankara for Marshall Chakmak, defender Wellington bombed the port area of Trapani in latter raid. Merchant vessel was seen to explode in the harbor. Ninety seven tons of bombs were dropped in daylight on 18th May on the harbor of Pantellaria when 1 large transport received direct hits. Airdromes in Sardinia were heavily and successfully raided on 19th May. On this day for Puttick.

(CM-IN-14322 22 May 43)
WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER
INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Algiers
To: War No.W1000/3168
     All interested parties

May 21, 1943,

Para 3. Air Wellingtons on 17th May dropped
1,000,000 leaflets on Rome and over 47 tons of bombs
on nearby seaplane base Lido Di Roma. Targets at
Alghero (Sardinia) were raided by Wellingtons and B-17
fortresses. Twenty three enemy fighters were
destroyed by our aircraft and their escort.

Para 4. Political. Further repeal of Vichy
laws curtailing personal liberty have been enacted.
Admiral Derrben has been placed under arrest in
Tunisia and an official inquiry of his actions is
under way.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
     CG AAF

DECLASSIFIED
605 memo, 1-6-74
By MFR, NLR, Date FEB 19 1974

M.I.6 JOURNAL NO. 292 MAY 22 1943

CM-IN-14322 (22 May 43) 1844Z ems

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
From: Algiers
To: War No. W1000/3168
All interested parties
May 21, 1943,

Para 3. Air. Wellingtons on 17th May dropped
1,000,000 leaflets on Rome and over 47 tons of bombs
on nearby seaplane base Lido Di Roma. Targets at
Alghero (Sardinia) were raided by Wellingtons and B
17 fortresses. Twenty three enemy fighters were
destroyed by our aircraft and their escort.

Para 4. Political. Further repeal of Vichy
laws curtailing personal liberty have been enacted.
Admiral Derrben has been placed under arrest in
Tunisia and an official inquiry of his actions is
under way.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CC AAF
From: Algiers.
To: AGWAR Troopers 18th Army Group Hq Mideast AFHQ 5th Army.

No. X 6409 May 21, 1943.

May 20, part 3, 207 signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGT. NWA Strategic AF. Day 19. 24 B-25 Mitchells escorted (AGWAR Troopers 18th Army Group Hq Liaison Group Mideast AFHQ 5th Army from NWA AF Adv Hq M 4633, 20/5) by 25 P-38 Lightnings bombed Villaciccio Airdrome Sardinia. Hits seen on buildings and aircraft on ground 109 destroyed in air. 24 B-25 Mitchells escorted by 36 P-38 Lightnings, bombed Villaciccio Airdrome Sardinia. Dispersal areas covered and fires started. Bombs fell across fuel dumps and barracks area. 5 ME 109 and one MA 200 destroyed. 1 P-38 Lightning crashed near Bona, pilot safe. 30,000 pamphlets were dropped. 27 B-17 Fortresses escorted by 36 P 38 Lightnings attacked Milo Airdrome Sicily. Target well covered fires started. 9 ME 109 and 1 FW 190 destroyed 5 ME 109 1 FW 190 and 1 ME 201 probably destroyed 4 ME 109 damaged. 4 P 38 Lightnings missing. 43 B-25 Marauders escorted by 36 P 40 Warhawks attacked Monastirato and Elmas Airdromes Sardinia, Cagliari Harbour and city and outskirts of Quartu. Weather conditions and combat prevented observation of results. 3 MA 200 and 8 ME 109 destroyed and 1 ME 109 damaged. 2 P 40 Warhawks lost. NWA coastal AF. Night 18/19. Hudsons carried out convoy escort and U boat hunts. Beaufighters flew defensive patrols. No incidents. Day 19. Hudsons on convoy escort and U boat strikes without incident. Marauders flew rcn nil report. Beaufighter on rcn destroyed 1 JU 88 and
From: Algiers.
To: AGWAR Troopers 18 Army Group Hq Mideast AFEQ 5th Army.
No. X 6409 May 21, 1943.

damaged another. Routine defensive patrols flown without incident. Action USFOR information rest of addressees.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/B)
Adm. King
Log

CM-IN-13605 (21 May 43) 1958Z bjm
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: WAR
No: W 1037 May 21, 1943

20th May ord signed Eisenhower. Cite FHTCCT. Nil. Part two.


Para two. Movements completed. 6th Corps Hq moved to Rabat 18th May. 1st Br Inf Div arrived Sousse area.

Para three. Oe L of C. Oran, (USFOR rptd AGWAR W 1037 Troopers Mideast 5th Army 1st Army Malta Adv NWAFF 3265) 21st May. Nil. Part one. SITREP 209.) Arzew and Mostaganem were raided by 12 enemy aircraft night of 19/20th May. One ship and electric transformer seriously damaged at Akran. Two ships and one Jetty slightly damaged at Arzew. No damage reported at Mostaganem. Casualties. military. 75 including 12 dead. Civilian. 4 dead.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/8)
ADM. KING
LOG

310thhed

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: War No. 2936/W956
    All interested addressees

May 20, 1943.


Part 2. Para 1. (Action USFOR rptd AGWAR, Troopers, 5th Army, Mideast, 1st Army, Malta, Adv NWAAF for information from Freedom 2936/W956 20th May nil. SITREP.) Naval. Destroyers continued daylight patrols off Cape Bon and operations north west of Pantelleria during night. 17th May Zembra and Zembretta Islands off Cape Bon searched. One of HM submarines reports obtaining 2 probably hits with torpedoes on merchantman of 11,000 tons Virgilio class escorted by destroyers off east coast of Corsica 12th May.


No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2  CG AAF  GEN.DEANE (CC/S)  
ADM. KING  LOG

CM-IN-12969 (20 May 43) 2013Z cen

DECLASSIFIED
JCS memo, 1-4-74
By HUP, NLR, Date FEB 19 1974
COPY No. 61

The making of an exact copy of this message is forbidden

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
From: Algiers
To: War

Nr: 4530      May 19, 1943

May 19 part 3 206. Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHGT. (AGWAR Troopers 18 Army Group Bq Liaison Group MIDEAST 5th Army from NWAAF Adv Hq. 4530 19/5 most secret) NWA Strategic AF. Night 17/18, 16 Wellingtons attacked Alghero dropped 32 tons of bombs bursts in town and port areas many fires seen one large fire in center of town appeared out of control. Fire in goods train. Three 500 lb bombs dropped on Alghero airdro 800,000 leaflets dropped on Alghero and Waspaj 7 B 86 medium bombers escorted by P 38 dropped 97 tons bombs on Pantelleria. Hits on docks jetties and adjacent installations bombs fell among barracks and aircraft on airdro one string among 4 to 15 small craft groups of B 17 fortresses escorted by P 38 Lightnings enable attacks Messina due bad weather attacked Trapani dropping 15 tons bursts in town and north side of the harbour hits among 6 ships in harbour caused explosion in one. NWA Coastal AF. Carried routine patrols as UUU boat hunts one UUU boat attacked night 17/5. With unobserved results 2 two JU 88 were destroyed by Beau fighters. and interception patrols were run during the day of 18th without incident. Action USFOR information rest of addressees.

No Sig

**Entire message being serviced.**

Action: OPD
Information: G-2, CG AAF, Gen. Deane (CC/B), Adm. King

CM-IN-12784 (20 May 43) 13457 Vo

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44

COPY No. 81

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
URGENT

From: Algiers
To: USFOR - London
WAR W916
British War Office
Oudjda French Morocco
First Army Advance at Constantine
Malta
LOAD

May 19, 1943

Two hundred and seven. 18 May.

Part 1. Move of 4th Indian Div from 1st Army Area now completed. Destination Tripoli.

Part 2.


Para 3. L of C. Djidjelli raided early the morning 19 May by 7 aircraft. Possibly mine laying as no bombs reported (SITREP).

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G 2, CO AAF, GENERAL DEANE (CC/S), ADMIRAL KING

DECLASSIFIED
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date FEB 19 1974

CM-IN-12447 (19 May 43) 2354Z var

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
From: Algiers
To: War
No. W-881 May 19, 1943

1. Am obtaining verification of correct totals by categories of all tanks and guns captured. Your B 298 dated 16 May. This will take some time but will be telegraphed immediately on complete information being received.

AGWAR for WDGBI from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FEGBI.

2. Number of tanks given on May 11 were those estimated to be runners and under repairs. Figures did not include Derelict tanks. By this date also all fighting north of Tunis had ceased and only German tank formation still fighting was part of 7 Tank Regiment. Therefore considerable number of tanks had already been captured but figures had not been received.

3. Artillery pieces. Our cable 231 dated 11 May only gave enemy artillery pieces. Our cable 231 dated 11 May only gave enemy artillery remaining in action. Tactical situation was same as in para 2 above.

4. Our weekly estimates only gave artillery of 75 MM calibre and over. Smaller guns were not included. Figure of 1200 is for all types.

No Sig

NOTE: 231 is CM-IN-7427 (12 May 43) G-2.

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD, CGAAF, General Deane (CCB).

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER

INCOMING MESSAGE

U R G E N T

From: Algiers
To: War W 873/2572

British War Office

May 19, 1943


Part 2 air. Picked up and shadowed 1 JU 88 about 0730Z large eastbound convoy Oran area. About 3 aircraft carried out usual recce patrols off west coast of Sicily afternoon and during 2nd half night 18 to 19 May 1 further aircraft reported in same area. Between 0052 and 0235Z 19 May 7 bombers reported over Djidjelli with no attack developing. No reports of air attacks against eastbound convoy picked up in morning. Taking part in interception of our bombers over Trapani were approximately 50 enemy aircraft consisting of ME 109's, FW 190's, ME 202's and ME 200's which kept up attacks on our bombers for 60 miles and on escort for 125 miles after leaving target. AGWAR for WDGBI Troopers pass USFOR 1st Army 2nd Corps Adv NAAF EAC 12 AF MBS ABS Malta Mideast Adv Ln Grp AFHQ 5th Army pass 1st Arm Corps and 6th Corps from G-2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI.

Part 3 Naval. Attacked by submarine 1850Z in CM-IN-12243 (1943-42) as

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

DECLASSIFIED
E.O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
From: Algiers
To: War W 873/2572
British War Office

May 19, 1943

Position 36 degrees 34 minutes north 00 degrees 17 minutes east 2
our ships in convoy. 1 damaged but proceeded under own
power; other sunk.

No Sig

Action: G-2
Information: OPD
           CG AAF
NAVAL MESSAGE
T.O.O. 192336

IN

Received: 26th May 43
Time: 1022

Addressed: A.I.O. 264
From: C. in C. Med.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 97

1. Destroyer pat'1 continues to be maintained in vicinity of Cape Bon by day and North West of Pantelleria by night. Zebra and Zembretta were visited on 17th May in view of reports of W/T transmissions. No transmitting apparatus was found but one German Telegraphist was captured.

2. Minesweepers have completed clearance of war channel from Galita to 10 deg. 40 mins. East. 16 mines were swept on 17th May in vicinity of 37 10 North 11 05 East and a further 20 on the 18th May in the same area where progress has been slow owing to anti-sweeping devices.

3. H.M.S. 1154 blew up at about 2300/14 while patrolling Bizerta approaches. Ship was probably mined there were 4 survivors. H.M.S. SPEEDY was mined off Malta on 15th May whilst sweeping North Eastern approach channel. Ship was towed into harbour, some casualties.

4. S.S. EMPIRE EVE and FORT ANNE in Convoy K.M.S. 14 were torpedoed by U-Boot at 1950/6 in position 36 deg. 35 mins. North 01 01 East. EMPIRE EVE sank, FORT ANNE has arrived at Algiers.

5. H.M.S. RORQUAL laid mines off Stilo Point on 15th May.

6. H.M.S. TRIDENT reports attacking Virgilio Class Merchant Vessel escorted by 2 Destroyers in position 42 21 North 50 East at 1650/12. Two probable torpedo hits were obtained.

192336A

First Sea Lord

F.T.
Admiral
Air Marshall
Gen. Isready
Code Room (2)
C.O.S.
Plans

Brigadier Redman (C)
N.I.
Lt. Col. Cook
S.O.O., Personal
S.O.
N.M.C.S.
Capt. Pim

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356; Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 04/02/64.
From: Algiers
To: British War Office Unnumbered
London - USFOR Unnumbered
War W 859/2533 (and all other interested stations).

May 18, 1943

8 17's (Fortresses) with escort of 100
Fighters followed by 98 medium bombers and 110
Fighters. Great damage was done to Naval Base,
Naval Berths, Silktanks and installations in the
town. 1 Merchant Vessel was seen to explode,
direct hits were obtained on 2 others and 4 were
left burning. (2nd and last cipher part W859/2533
18th from Freedom) Other raids by P 38's (Lightnings)
have been carried out over Sardinia. Civitavecchia
NW of Rome was bombed by over 50 B 17's on 14th May
when Wellingtons again attacked Cagliari. 20 Wellingtons
raided Palermo night 14/15th May and Trapani was
attacked following day.

Paragraph 6. Political. The Bey of Tunis
has been deposed and his place taken by Sidi Mohamed
Lamine a member of the reigning family. Political and
economic conditions in Tunisia appear better than ex-
pected. There are no new developments in the Giraud-
De Gaulle negotiations.

ACTION: OPD
No Sig.

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King
Log
CM-IN-12389 (19 May 43) 2205Z ems

DECLASSIFIED
JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHF, NLR, Date FEB 19 1974

COPY No.

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
From: Algiers
To: British War Office
       No Number
       W 771
       No Number

May 18, 1943

Seventh Armd Div was placed under Command 5th Corps and moved NE and north from Tunis. (Action Troopers information AGWAR USFOR from Freedom W 771 2182 18th nil). By evening the area south of river Medjerda had been cleared and large number of prisoners captured. 78th Div occupied Tebourba and Djedeida and cleared the area south of the Medjerda as far as Dj Amar J 9762 where contact was made with 7th Armd Div. The same day 19th Corps made a good advance on its left although the enemy held firm in front of Algerian Div (Conne) on the right. The next day bitter fighting followed in the area of Hamman Lif and Creteville in the morning. The afternoon clearance of the high ground south of Hamman Lif was accomplished by First Gds Bde of 6th Armd Div and assisted by heavy artillery support 26th Armd Bde broke through. Arriving at a point about two miles west of Soliman by evening, 1st Br Armd Div succeeded in capturing Creteville with leading elements of Second Armd Bde reaching the area K 2640 while mopping up both north and south along the Axis of their advance. All fighting stopped north of Tunis at 1100A the same day and concentration of 7th Armd Div began. 4th Indian Div advanced to the area Ain KI Askar J 9329 in preparation for a drive to the south in order cooperate with 19th Corps which was still held up by strong enemy positions in the area K 0413-K 0510. By 10th May it was evident that enemy opposition on the front of the 1st and 6th Armd Div was disintegrating. At 1400 A Soliman was captured. At 1700A Gromballia and at 1800A 26th Armd Bde had its leading elements within 7 miles

CM-IN-11689 (18 May 43)
of Hammamet while patrols of Derby Yeomanry were in Rabeul K-62. First Br Armd Div concentrated in the area of Grombalia with purpose of blocking any enemy attempt to break into the Cap Bon Peninsula. Ten and 12th Bdes of 4th Br Div moved to Menzel Bou Zelma K 44 and Beni Khallud K 44 and extended north and east across the approaches to the peninsula. Little progress was made during the day by 19th Corps. 11th May 29th Armd Bde elements encountered an enemy at screen and some tanks to the south of Bou Ficha. Bou Ficha was occupied by a Bn of First Gds Bde while a complete circuit of Cap Bon Peninsula was made by 10th Bde moving clockwise and 12th Inf Bde counter/clockwise. Making contact at Menzel Beurr Y 7754. Little opposition was encountered although situation in center of peninsula was obscure.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)

CM-IN-11689 (18 May 43) 2138Z bjm

DECLASSIFIED
JCS memo, 1-4-74
By NRP, NLR, Date FEB 13 1974

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER

INCOMING MESSAGE

CCWD 5-18-43
1652Z

PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: British War Office, Unnumbered
WAR, W-771
USFOR London, Unnumbered

May 18, 1943

In the meantime 4th Indian Div moved south to
Dj Erira K 1627 and thence to X 2228 in the St Marie
Du Zit K 21 Road. (Action Troopers rptd AGWAR, USFOR
from G-3 OPS (T) Section AFHQ 2182 18 May W 771/2182)
The same day the Moroccan Div (Mathinet) and Oran Div
(Boisseeau) of 19 Corps made good progress capturing
12,000 prisoners. No change occurred on front of Al-
gerian Div Conne. The next day 26 Arm Bde made con-
tact with 8 Army General Von Arnim commanding all Axis
forces in Tunisia was captured by 1st Royal Sussex of
Indian Bde. All enemy forces between Zaghoun and
Saouaf unconditionally surrendered to 19 Corps. All
organized resistance ceased except for isolated groups of
the enmy in front of 1st Fighting French Div and
the Algerian Div. Mopping up, clearance of battlefields
and movement to concentration areas continued on 13
and 14 May. It is estimated that 1 Army has captured
at least 130,000 prisoners since 5 May. 2 Corps. 1st
US Arm Div on 8 May moving to the north and south of
high ground in area J 88 had reached J 8793 and J 8783
34 Inf Div arrived at Djedeia and moved north across
the front of 1st US Inf Div which at that time was along
general line of 17 Easting. Exploitation of the area
east of Bizerta was carried out by first US Arm Div
at 1100A May 9 General Krause surrendered uncondi-
tionally all forces between Lac de Bizerta and Porto Farina
K 09. Mopping up operations then continued along the
north coast east of Bizerta. Remainder of period cover-
ed by this report was devoted to collection of prisoners
and war material and cleaning the battlefield. A total
of 37,998 prisoners of war of which 33,458 were German
have been checked through the corps.
From: Algiers
To: British War Office (unnumbered)
WAR, W-771
USFOR London (unnumbered)

May 18, 1943

Location statement 14 May 8 Army with Headquar-
ers at P 4965 consists of 10 Corps P 4366 and 30 Corps
U 9047, 10 Corps consists of 51st Div P 2274. 56 Div
P 3276 2 New Zealand Div (P 0679). 1st Fighting French
Div. L Force and Fighting French Flying Column. By
evening 14 May 1 Army J 5034 was disposed as follows.
19 Corps J 856045 with Algerian Div area K 2203/K 2501

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

CM-IN-11646 (18 May 43) 2111Z con
From: Algiers
To: British War Office Unnumbered
London - USFOR Unnumbered
War W 859/2533 (and all other stations interested).

May 18, 1943


Paragraph 1. 18th Army Group Hq 18th Army Group, formed on 17th February in order to control operations of 1 Army CSO 8th Army and 2nd US Corps closed down upon the successful completion of its mission at 2359 hours 15 May. Prisoners now counted total some 224,200 which is not believed final figure.

Paragraph 2. 8th Army. During night 12/13 May little or no enemy activity. Following morning Field Marshall Messee agreed our demand for unconditional surrender.

Paragraph 3. 1st Army and 2nd US Corps. In these areas clearance of the battlefields and concentration of our Troops preparatory to their moving from Tunisia continued.

Paragraph 4. Naval. Our MTBS and destroyers have been active off Cap Bon and in the Sicilian Channel where a total of 879 would-be evacuees have been removed from small (CM-IN-12556 20 May 43)

DECLASSIFIED
E.O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
boats since 9th May. On early morning 13 May a Cruiser with Destroyer escort bombarded the Harbor of Pantellari while MTBS established patrols inshore to intercept enemy vessels which might put out to engage our Force. On 15 May boarding parties from Destroyer found Military Cargo in flooded vessel of 1000 tons aground off Cap Bon. One of HM Submarines operating off NW Sardinia reports sinking a 450 ton Coaster and a 300 ton Steam Trawler by gunfire on 2nd and 6th May respectively. Same Submarine sank a 2500 ton vessel by torpedoes in Porto Torres Harbor on 8th May.

Paragraph 5. Air. 13th May 21 Wellingtons bombed the industrial area of Naples. Fires were started and bursts were observed in the vicinity of the power station. A heavy and concentrated attack was made same day on Cagliari by 107 (2nd part follows).

No Sig.

NOTE: See CM-IN-12389 (19 May 43) OPD.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
General Deane (CCB)
Admiral King

DECLASSIFIED
JCS memo, 1-4-74
By NRP, NLR, Date FEB 19 1974
PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: British War Office - No #
WAR - # W771/2182
USFOR - No #

May 18, 1943

Summary

8th to 14 May (Action Troopers information rptd AGWAR USFOR from AFRQ signed Eisenhower cite FBGCT W771/2182 18 mil. Tenth weekly summary.

Para 1.

Summary of operations - 8th Army

8th Army carried out a series of local attacks along the entire front with object of containing the enemy and promptly breaking through for exploitation in case any sign of withdrawal was observed. Our attacks were resisted with determination and an enemy counter attack on May 9 and 10 forced a Bde of 56th Div to withdraw from recently captured high ground P 3292 P 3393. 1st Fighting French Div completed relief of 51st Div on 8th May and 2nd NZ Div less 5th NZ Bde moved to the area south of Enfidaville. On 9 May 6th NZ Bde relieved 169th Bde which went into reserve. There was no evidence of weakness in the enemy resistance until 12 May when elements of 26th Arm Bde of 6th Arm Div had advanced to an area about 3 miles south of Bou Ficha X 30. All serious resistance on the front of the 56th Div stopped on this day although groups of the enemy still holding out on the front of the 1st Fighting Div.
French Div. Field Marshal Messe in command of 1st Italian Army accepted terms of unconditional surrender at 1145A on May 13th. On 14th May movement back to Tripoli area was begun by 8th Army. Period 12 and 13 May it is estimated that 25,000 prisoners were captured. 1st Army. Advance of 9th Corps continued on 8 May. 6th Arm Div moved SE encountering strong enemy rear guards on high ground south of Hammam Lif K 24. Throughout the day fighting took place in this area without further advance. In the meantime 1st Br Arm Div moved NE without opposition. By evening, advance elements making contact with 26th Arm Bde of the 6th Arm Div in the area of Creteville K 2342 where confused fighting followed. Fourth Br Div with the 201st GDS Bde concentrated in the area south of Tunis with the purpose of consolidating the gains made (1st cipher part. 2nd cipher part follows) by the arm division.

No Sig

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)

DECLASSIFIED
JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date FEB 19 1974

CH-IN-11541 (18 May 43) 1809Z ems
From: Algiers
To: War

No. W771/2182 May 18, 1943

Seven hundred and fifty three missing five. One hundred and seventy eight total seventy nine. (Action Troopers rptd AGWAR USFOR from G-3 (OPS TKT) section AFHQ 2182 W 771/2182 18 May part five and last.) One thousand one hundred. 1st Army excl 19th Corps week ending 7 May. Killed forty one. Four hundred and ninety eight wounded one hundred and ten. One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine missing thirty seven hundred and seventy five total one hundred and eighty one. Three thousand and seventy two. Week ending 14 May. Killed nineteen two hundred and sixty two wounded fifty four.

Para five: Prisoners week ending 6 May. Read Germans Italians. 8th Army excl 19th Corps nine hundred and forty. Forty three. 2nd Corps five hundred and ninety eight. Seven hundred and fifteen. Exact figures for end of Tunisian campaign not available.

Para six: Administrative summary. Administrative situation is satisfactory.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)

CM-IN-11716 (18 May 43) 2216Z bjm

DECLASSIFIED
JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date FEB 19 1974
Urgent

From: Algiers
To: AGWAR

No. 2191-W775 May 18, 1943

Part 1. SITREP 205. One six May (USFOR information AGWAR Troopers Mid-East 5th Army 1st Army Malta Adv NWAAF from AFHQ signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT 2191-W775 17 May nil) Clearance of battle field, evacuation of prisoners and movement of units to concentration areas continued.


Para 3. L of C, night 16 May Bone raided by enemy aircraft. No damage and no casualties reported.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:

G-2
CG AAF
General Deane (CCS)
Admiral King
Log

CM-IN-11426 (18 May 43) 1358Z

DECLASSIFIED

JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date FEB 19 1974

COPY No. 67

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94

WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER
INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Algiers
To: War
No. W771/2162 May 16, 1943

RCT departed Medjerda for Jemappes G 32. Main Hq 51st Div and 152nd Bde Gp arrived Bougi Area from Tebessa.


No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)

CH-IN-11735 (18 May 43) 2233Z bjm

DECLASSIFIED
JCS memo, 1-6-74
By EKH, NLR, Date Feb 19 1974

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

DECLASSIFIED
E.O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 11/18/94
URGENT

From: Algiers

To: USFOR - Unnumbered
WAS - W 843
British War Office - Unnumbered
Information to all other interested offices

May 18, 1943.

Part 1. SITREP 206. 17th May. ((To Action
USFOR, Rptd AGWAR, Troopers, Mideast, 5th Army,
1st Army, Malta, Adv NWAFF for information from
Freedom 2429/ W 843 18 May nil)). 224,200 prisoners
counted to date.


Para 2. Signed Eisenhower. Cite
FHGCT. Movements commenced. 9th Inf Div commenced
movement from Biskra to Oran. Movements completed.
3rd Inf Div arrived Jemmas. 18 and 26 RCT arrived
Oran.

Para 3. L of C Djidjelli raided by
25 aircraft night 17 May. No report of casualties or
damage.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF GEN. DEANE (CC/S)
ADM. KING LOG
CM-IN-11758 (19 May 43) 0011Z cen

DECLASSIFIED
June 1994, 77-1
By RRF, NARA, Date FEB 19 1974
COPY NO.

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
APHQ weekly review number 6 for period ending 2400 hours 16th May. (To AGWAR Troopers Mideast from G2 Freedom signed Eisenhower cite FHGBI W 747 2092 nll) enemy dispositions during last phases Tunisian campaign remained generally unchanged. Tenth Panzer Division and remnants Hermann Goring resisted drive from Hammamet to Hammamet during 10th May with small pockets holding out west of Grombelia during 11th May. By 12th May all resistance in neck of Cap Bon Peninsula and in Peninsula itself had ceased. 21st Panzer and Superco continued resistance north and south Zaghubus 10th and 11th May before surrendering to French. 20th light resisted attacks from north and south in Bou Ficha area supported according Yorker by 1/43 flak 11th and but surrendered on 12th May with Bersaglieri D'Africa while Messe started negotiations surrender remainder one Italian Army reduced to 164th light and remnants Trieste, Spezia Pistola. Small counter attack launched by this force on 12th May but all resistance ceased 1145 hours 13th May. Yorker traffic last days campaign concerned mainly instructions for destruction papers and material, awards, patriotic and farewell messages. Prisoners since 5th May now total 224,000 of which 125,000 estimated German. Of total 39,000 fell to Americans, 35,000 to French. Figures include naval and Air Force prisoners. Proportion not yet known. Military prisoners in excess estimated 10,000 when offensive opened considered mostly service and administration personnel many Italian. Propose discontinue this weekly signal for present.

No Sig

Action: G-2

Information: OPD, CG AAF, Gen. Deane (CC/S), Adm. King

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date
Tactical and main Hq 8 Army closed present location 1900 hrs GCT May 14th and opened area Lulia L 05 (30 miles west Tripoli) same hour. Fifty First Div, 152nd Brig and 154th Brig arrived Bougie Area from Tebessa May 15th. Twenty Third Armd Brig to come under command 51st Div and be equipped with Shermans. Fiftieth Div reported Alexandria area today. Fourth Ind Div departed present location for Alexandria May 13th. Three days later 1st and 7th Arm Divs departed for same destination. Zealand Div to commence movement today. Fifty Sixth Odoner Div and 1st Free French Div continues mopping up and clearing battlefield. From Breton 9th Air Force reports May 15th bomber command, 340th, and 57th groups no operations. No report from 12th Group. Forty six Sorties 13 missions 79th Group as sea patrol. May 16th no operations 79th Group. No report from bomber command, 12th or 340th Groups. Forty six Sorties 13 missions by 57th Group as ship escort.

Nosig

Action: OPD
Information: G-2, CG AAF, Gen. Deane (CC/S)

CM-IN-10900 (17 May 43) 1453Z vc

DECLASSIFIED
JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RHP, NLR, Date Feb 19 1974
COPY No.

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
From: Algiers
To: USFOR - London
WAR 1835
British War Office - Oudjda French Morocco -
Cairo - First Army Advance at Constantine -
Malta - LDAD

May 16, 1943

One hundred and four 15th May, Part 1.
(Action USFOR rptd AGWAR W692) Troopers 5th Army
Midest 1st Army Malta Adv NWAFF for information
from G-3 (Ops D) section AFHQ 1835 16th. SITHSEP
Evacuation of prisoners and clearance of battle-
field continued. Part 2.

Para 1. Naval. One of our destroyers boarded
enemy vessel of 1000 tons aground near Cape
Bon. Found flooded and full of military cargo.

Para 2. (Signed Eisenhower. Cite FHCT.)
 Movements commenced. 14th May. 3 US Inf Div con-
sisting 7th, 16th and 30th Rcta departed Madjerdas
for Jemmapes. Movements completed. 15th May.
Main Hq 51st Div and 132d Bde Group arrived Bougie
Area from Tebessa.

Para 3. L of C. Bone attacked by enemy airc-
craft at 2115 hrs. Few bombs dropped caused minor
damage. No casualties reported.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/8)
ADM. KING

CM-IN-10573 (16 May 43) cen COPY No.

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAVAL MESSAGE</th>
<th>NAY DEPARTMENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DRITTER</td>
<td>EXTENSION NUMBER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FROM CINCINNATI</td>
<td>CINCINNATI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE 27 MAY 1943</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOR CODEROOM 129/4100</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY DIEBEL/KOTEEN, HAMILTON</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PARAPHRASED BY

INSTITUTE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

O'REGAN 161327A NCR 7772
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TEXT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(FROM CINCINNATI)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(THIS IS PART 3 OF 161327A)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ALGIERE NUMBER 2 DOCK FLEABOAT &amp; GUS BADSNORTH &amp;I</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BORTHOS PROSPER SCHAFTEI WITH THEE AUDUB AND LOT 383</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LN 407</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUMBER 2 DOCK ARETHUS AUGUSTUS LE DOROHE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PROCEA LCT-693 LCT(L) 97 LCT(L) 176 FOULA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HIS ALARM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CASABLANCA PCs 467 486 491 471 LEMAIRE ALCOYN DUGAY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TRIZIN FOURRYANT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CINCINNATI PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOR NCR 0915/17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P57...23...29G...19...194...BADD...NAV/DE...FILE</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/44
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAVAL MESSAGE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NAVY DEPARTM.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DRAFTER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FROM CINCMED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RELEASED BY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17 MAY 43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FOR CODEROOM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#129/6119</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECODED BY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PARAPHRASED BY</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

REEGAN 161244 NCR 7772
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORSIG FILL IN DATE AND TIME

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ACTION</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>F-00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-02</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-03</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-04</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-06</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-07</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-08</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T-00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T-01</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(THIS IS PART 2 OF 161244A)
NUMBER 4 DOCK LCI(L) 183 HMS 25 AND 184
AMS 21 AND 118 LCI(L) 277
ORAN NUMBER 1 DOCK FRENCH SUB CASA BLANCA WITH LAPERLE
CRONARTY FIRTH WITH SIDI BRAHIM
RICHERBOURG WITH PALLAS GARONNE GLEN FLAMAS
MERCHANT SHIPS
NUMBER 2 DOCK
AMS CALPE HMS TYNECOURT HMS PENTSTEAM HMS QUANTOCK
HMS PICKERING GREGORY AND RUSKIN MID SHUNA
COMINCH PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION: YOR 05/18/17
NCR DISTRIBUTION: F37...26...19...BATO...
FILE: NAVATIDE.

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER

INCOMING MESSAGE

TQV C 7
filed 16/2036A

From: Algiers
To: War

No. 1546 May 16, 1943


1. All organized resistance, except by isolated detachments, ceased on the 18th Army Group front on 12th May.

2. 8th Army. During night 9th/10th May 167 Inf Bde of the 58th Div having failed to capture their objective, the high ground 5 miles north of Enfidaville, were driven back to their original positions with some loss. Patrols of First Fighting French Div and of 5th NZ Bde were active the following day, and took some prisoners. First LF Div attacked on 11th May; on the right 2nd FF Bde made some progress in area 6 miles NE of Enfidaville, where they took 200 prisoners. On 12th May, the situation was still confused. General Hesse commanding the First PZ Army arranged to discuss terms of surrender with General Freyburg, but meanwhile groups of his force were still holding out.

3. First Army.

A. 18th Corps. On 10th May an enemy counter attack south of Moghrane was repulsed; thereafter opposition

CM-IN-10422 (16 May 43)

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
From: Algiers
To: War
No. 1546 May 16, 1943

COLLAPSED. On 11th May Gen Mathiet, commanding the
Moroccan Div, accepted the unconditional surrender of
the enemy forces on his front. 12,000 prisoners were
taken, including the Pfeifer Div with its equipment
intact. The advance of French troops continued on 12th
May towards St Marie Du Zit and a further 11,000
prisoners were taken.

B. 9th Corps. Resistance disintegrated
before 1st Br and 6th Arm Div on 10th May. 26th.
Armd Bde pushed through to Soliman at 1400 hours, entering
Grosvalia 3 hours later and making for Hammamet in order
to cut off the Cape Bon Peninsula. On their right, 2nd
Armd Bde established contact with 19th Corps. The next
day 26th Armd Bde reached Bou Ficha, (end of first cipher
part 2 follows) where they were checked by a strong
screen of anti tank guns.

No Sig

Action: OPD

Information: G-2
CG AAF
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
Adm. King

CM-IN-10422 (16 May 43) 1853Z vc
From: Algiers
To: War

Number 1546 May 16, 1943

Meanwhile 1st Derby Yeomanry occupied Nabeul (K 6122). Fourth Br Div had moved east from Soliman behind the Armd Divs, (2nd cipher part of 1546 from Freedom) and on 11 May 10th Inf Bde made a complete circuit of Cape Bon, joining 12th Inf Bde at Menzel Heur (K 7955). One 12 May 6th Armd Div pushed south and west from Bou Ficha, encountering some resistance from minefields but making contact with 8th Army during the day. By means of their operations during these 3 days, 9th Corps effectively prevented an enemy withdrawal to the Cape Bon Peninsula. Subpara C 5th Corps. On 11 May 4th Indian Div occupied St Marie Du Zit (K 2414) and the following day continued mopping up operations to the South. Para 4. 2nd US Corps.

After the collapse of German resistance on 9 May operations were confined to mopping up. Prisoners captured on the 2nd Corps front totalled 37,998. Para 5.

Enemy. The enemy resisted desperately in attempt to prevent our thrust along main road Hammam Lif-Bou Ficha. Resistance broken by superior forces and on 11 May last remaining Axis forces in Tunisia were cut into 2 pockets, 1 on Cap Bon and the other west of Bou Ficha. In Cap Bon, enemy was encircled by our movement around the coast and about 10,000 surrendered on 12 May. Small bodies only remain to be mopped up in central hills. Opposition in the main pocket of enemy crumbled rapidly on 11 and 12 May. Von Arnim and the Staff of Army Group Afrika, Von Sponeck with 90 light division and the Italian Young Fascists had all surrendered, while further west more than 20,000 troops capitulated thus reducing the remaining enemy to 164 light division and Italians in general area.
WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER
INCOMING MESSAGE
Page 2 No 1546 From Algiers

P-19 and K10. At last light on 12 May, General Messe, GOC 1st Italian Army, was believed to be negotiating terms (end of 2nd cipher part part 3 follows) of surrender with 8th Army.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
GEN. DEANE (CC/B)
ADM. KING

CM-IN-10510 (16 May 43) 2125Z cen

DECLASSIFIED
JCS memo, 1-4-74
By RBP, NLR, Date FEB 19 1974

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN

DECLASSIFIED
E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/74
Corrrected Copy

From: Algiers
To: WAR -1546
USFOR -Unnumbered
British War Office - Unnumbered

May 15, 1943.

Thus final stages of enemy resistance in Tunisia almost closed (3rd part of 1546 from Freedom) Prisoners since 6th May number some 145,000 and will eventually exceed 160,000. 15 Generals have so far been taken. Considerable material captured, including at least 1,200 guns all types and 250 German tanks. Estimated equipment captured intact is equivalent of 2 Divisions. Huge quantities supplies, petrol and ammunition also in our hands. Little evacuation has been achieved. by sea or air. Total casualties to enemy since beginning Tunisian Campaign estimated to exceed 250,000.

Para 6. Naval. Our light Naval craft have maintained a close blockade of the Cape Bon Peninsula and have also operated off Pantellaria. They have intercepted numerous small boats attempting to take evacuees from Tunisia. One of our MTBS although later beached was a total loss after striking a mine off Sousse. On 11th May our destroyers cleared the enemy from Zembra Island, taking over 120 prisoners. The Italian Liner Maurana, painted as a hospital ship, but not registered as such, was taken to Sousse for investigation.

Para 7. Air. Wellingtons attacked Palermo on night 9/10 May, and other heavy attacks were made on Borazzo (Sicily) and St Milo air fields. In daylight 11th May a formation of 198 heavy and medium bombers escorted by fighters carried out a successful attack on Marsala. Fires left burning after this raid could be seen from the Tunisian
May 15, 1943.

Coast, 90 miles distant. Wellingtons repeated the attack during night and did much damage in the harbour area. Fighter Bombers have also attacked Pantellaria. Aircraft of the Tactical Air Force, in addition to most effective support of our forward troops carried out shipping sweeps in the Gulf of Tunis and attacked the Harbour of Pantellaria.

Para 8. Political. (Signed Eisenhower. Cite FBGCT. Action Troopers pass to HM Ambassador Madrid for US Ambassador Madrid, Resident Minister Achmota, Britialat Ankara for Marshall Chahma, Defender Wellington for Pottick). General Girauds memorandum of April 27th to De Gaulle was published in North Africa. Its tone was cooperative and moderate. A reply has been received but awaits Gen Giraud return from Tunis. (End of 3rd part and last) An immediate meeting is not indicated.

No Sig

Originally distributed with a CONFIDENTIAL classification

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF GEN. DEANE (CC/S) ADM. KIN

CM-IN-10541 (16 May 43) 2218Z cen

DECLASSIFIED

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN